

Indiana Disproportionality Committee

Summer 2006

Dear Interested Hosts:

Children of color are disproportionality represented, and experience a disparity of outcomes in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Stakeholders from public and private child welfare and juvenile justice systems have come together to establish the Indiana Disproportionality Committee (IDC). The committees' mission ... To create equality within the child welfare and juvenile justice systems with their percentage of the overall population will be realized through a continuum of objectives designed to study the issue and recommend action to eliminate disparities.

Recognizing that a task of this magnitude requires the diverse experiences and knowledge of public and private agencies and community organizations, the IDC is asking that you join with us in this important endeavor.

How can you help?

- Agree to host a discussion group for your staff and/or members of your community;
- Join the IDC and share your knowledge by becoming a committee member (Research, Awareness, Public Policy, Training).
- Help to disseminate information to your organization and/or other community stakeholders.

We invite you to schedule a dialogue or discussion group with your staff in 2006. We have developed a presentation that we know will be interesting to you and will generate conversations to further our cause. An hour is all that we request. Schedule your agency or organization today by emailing Devina Jani at djani@cji.in.gov/

Sincerely,

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Collaborators: Campagna Academy, Children's Bureau, Inc, Civil Rights Commission, Department of Education, Division of Exceptional Learners, IARCCA – An Association of Children and Family Services, Indiana Black Expo, Indiana Black Legislative Caucus, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Indiana Department of Child Services, Indiana House 98, Indiana Minority Health Coalition, Indiana University School of Social Work, Indiana University Center for Education and Evaluation Policy, Indiana Youth Institute, Martin University, Marion County Commission on Youth, National Youth Advocacy Program, Prevent Child Abuse Indiana, Villages, Wernle and White's Residential and Family Services.